bitive for LPG distributors for providing home delivery from the cost angle.

However, in hilly areas because of high cost of delivery, which cannot be fully compensated through the distributor commission, the concerned district authorities authorise LPG distributors collection/recovery of additional specific home delivery charges called as cooliage charges from the domestic LPG consumers. Therefore, there is no proposal to amend the existing rules in respect of hilly areas.

पेट्रोल और प्राकृतिक गैस की खोज संबंधी सर्वेक्षण

1969. **श्री ओंकार सिंह लखावत :** क्या **पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस की खोज के लिए किन-किन स्थानों का सर्वेक्षण किया गया है, और

(ख) क्या राजस्थान में पेट्रोलियम व प्राकृतिक गैस होने का पता लगाया गया है यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री संतोष कुमार गंगवार) : (क) अपेक्षित जानकारी अनुबंध में दी गई है।

(ख) जी हां। ओ. एन. जी. सी., आंयल इंडिया लि० तथा निजी/संयुक्त उद्यम प्रचालकों ने मिलकर राजस्थान में निम्नलिखित अन्वेषण व विकास कार्य किए :

(i) भूकंपीय सर्वेक्षण :

द्विआयामी	35170 जीएलके
त्रिआयामी	314 वर्ग कि.मी

(ii) वेधित कूपों की संख्या 109

राजस्थान में प्राकृतिक गैस वाणिज्यिक मात्राओं में खोजी गई है। बीकार-नागौर बेसिन में भी कुछ भारी तेल का पता चला है।

LpG Waiting List

1970. SHRI S. M. KRISHNA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to refer to reply to Unstarred Question 409 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 2nd December, 1998 and state:

(a) what is the criteria for preparing waiting list for LPG and whether there is any mechanism with Government's to periodically review/regulate the list;

(b) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "LPG connections, the wait goes on" which appeared in the Hindustan Times, dated the 25th August, 1998, if so, the reaction of Government thereto, and

(c) the action taken so far against the guilty people for alleged malpractices in oil companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR): (a) It is mandatory for all the PSU Oil Companies distributors to maintain a waitlist register for regisration of prospective customer wishing to avail of an LPG connection. As per the existing practice, no registration fee for booking of a gas connection is being charged. New LPG connections are released strictly on the basis of seniority in the waitlist maintained by distributors within the allocation given by the PSU Oil Companies. Regular/surprise inspections of the LPG distributorships are also carried out by the oil company officials which includes verification in regard to release of LPG connections against waitlist in order of seniority of registration.